(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in the investigation so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Complaints have been received alleging irregularities and violation of rules and procedures in purchase of Black Label Whisky. An enquiry has been ordered Into these allegations.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) CBI has registered a case and started investigation.

New aspects of tourism

217. SHRI T.T.Y DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of new aspects of tourism such as eco-tourism;

(b) if so, the steps taken to promote such tourism; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose in the current budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Tourism has formulated the policy and guidelines for Eco-Tourism in India. The State/UTs Governments have been requested to identify the places and take appropriate steps for development of Eco-Tourism in their state.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism extends Central financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for development of tourism including Eco-Tourism, on the basis of the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities. These projects are sanctioned under the "Destination Development" and "Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit" schemes.

Per capita availability of water

218. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita availability of water in 1951 was 5200 metric cubes which has fallen to 1820 metric cubes in 2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Planning Commission has sounded alarm on water front; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The "Looming Water Crisis" has been highlighted in the Mid Term Appraisal Document of Tenth Five Year Plan by the Planning Commission, the details of which are reproduced in the Statement.

Statement

Details of "Looming Water Crisis" highlighted in the Mid Term Appraisal Document of Tenth Five Year Plan by Planning Commission

India is already on the verge of a grave water crisis as brought out below.

* Per capita availability below 1000 m^3 is water scarce.
* This availability is made up of 200 m^3 for domestic/industrial use, 200 m^3 for ecology/maintaining minimum flows and 600 m^3 for food security.
* A minimum per capita storage of 1000 m^3 is thus required to meet all the three uses.
* Nine river basins with 20 crore population are already under water scarce condition.
* In India, the per capita availability now is 1820 m^3 and per capita storage is 207 m^3.
* 631 billion cubic metre (BCM) in Ganga-Brahmaputra is unutilisable. Hence actual per capita availability is only 1200 m^3.
* Even if all ongoing and potential storages are completed, per capita storage will increase only up to 400 m^3.

* Increasing population will vitiate both per capita availability and per capita storage.

* Improving water use efficiency through proper water management in both irrigated and rain fed areas, implementation of watershed programmes and artificial recharge of ground water, restoring the traditional water bodies, interlinking of rivers, maintaining the water quality standards through pollution abatement programmes and downward revision of water supply norms will somewhat improve the situation on the water front.

Survey on Flood Areas

219. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Ministry of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact many areas of the country are flooded every year during the rainy season;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey and identified those areas which are flooded almost every year; and

(c) if so, the names of these areas and extent of additional water which comes in every area due to flood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the information received from the State Government, the districts which were flooded in at least 5 years during the last 10 years are listed below:

Assam: Dhubri, Barpeta, Nalbari, Kamrup/Prayagjyothispur, Darrang, Lakhimpur/Dhemaji, Jorhat, Morigaon (7 out of 10 years), Goalpara, Tinsukhia, Golaghat, Nagaon (6 out of 10 years), Kokrajhar, Sonitpur, Dibrugarh, Sibsagar (5 out of 10 years).

Bihar: Muzaffarpur, Khagaria, Saharsa, Samastipur, Gopalganj, Supaul, Madhepura, Katihar, Begusarai, Purnia, Bhagalpur (10 out of 10 years), Patna, East Champaran, Darbhanga, West Champaran, Sitamarhi, Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.